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SUBJECT: ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION

1. THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT EXTENSION WITH STEVENSON ANTI-BOYCOTT AMENDMENT WAS PASSED THIS AFTERNOON BY THE SENATE AND IS SCHEDULED FOR MARKUP IN THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY. THE HIRC WILL CONSIDER BOYCOTT LANGUAGE (BINGHAM/ROSENTHAL) CONSIDERABLY STRONGER THAN STEVENSON'S WHICH WE NOW BELIEVE WILL PASS DECISIVELY; CONTRARY TO OUR EARLIER UNDERSTANDING THAT THE HIRC MIGHT POSTPONE THIS TO DEATH.

2. THE RIBICOFF ANTI-BOYCOTT AMENDMENT TO THE TAX BILL WAS PUT ASIDE IN THE CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY TO PERMIT THE HOUSE CONFEREES TO COME UP WITH ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE AND GIVE OPPORTUNITY TO THE ADMINISTRATION TO OFFER COMPROMISE LANGUAGE IF IT DESIRED. SENATOR LONG HOPES TO CONCLUDE THE CONFERENCE NEXT WEDNESDAY. ALTHOUGH THIS TIMING SEEMS OPTIMISTIC, THE BILL WITH SOME ANTI-BOYCOTT PROVISION IS INCREASINGLY LIKELY TO PASS. KISSINGER

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